



## Anglican Diocese of Tasmania *a healthy church... transforming life*

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From the Bishop's Desk

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Dear Friends

It is good to be home in beautiful Tasmania. Following our participation in the Lambeth Conference Gayelene and I have had a wonderful time on Long Service Leave which included visiting our son Scott, his wife Kate and our three beautiful grandchildren in Chicago. A report on Lambeth will be available in the near future.

I would like to take this opportunity of especially thanking Chris Jones, Russell Morton and Paul Cavanaugh for their "running of the Diocese" in my absence. I am indeed grateful to them.

### DEAN LINDSAY AND MRS JAN STODDART

As you will know Lindsay has resigned his position as Dean of the Cathedral and he and Jan will be returning to Sydney. The 10am and 5pm services on Sunday 12 October will be their farewell services at the Cathedral.

### REVD THEVATHANSAN PREMARAJAH

It is with sadness that I advise that Prem and his wife Yogi will be leaving the Parish of Deloraine and returning to the mainland for personal reasons. This is effective 15 October. Please pray for Prem, Yogi and especially the parish during the sad time.

### REVD ELEANOR O'DONNELL

We offer our congratulations to Eleanor who has accepted the position of Chaplain at Wadhurst at Melbourne Grammar School commencing at the beginning of the 2009 school year. Please keep Eleanor and her husband Dennis in your prayers as they make preparations to move to Victoria and for their sons who will remain in Tasmania.

### DEACONESS MARIE KINGSTON

This is to advise you that Deaconess Marie Kingston died September 29, at Karingal Nursing Home in Devonport. Her funeral will be at St. Paul's, East Devonport, on Thursday, October 2, at 11am. Please pray for her family at this difficult time.

### OUR ANGLICAN AGENCIES

#### GLENVIEW

Glenview recently celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I was encouraged to read the Annual Report written by the Chairman of the Board, Glenn Ward, where he states "Glenview has positioned itself well to cope with changed funding for Residential Aged Care, through its expansion into Community and Respite programs". Glenview is engaging the continual challenge of change. Thank you.

### ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

Monday 29 September was the opening of the Founders' Hall Middle School. Chris Jones represented me and reports that it was a wonderful occasion and it was great that Sister Audrey from the Sisters of the Church was present for the official opening by the Governor of Tasmania. The facilities are excellent and the girls are already enjoying the electronic whiteboard and other delights.

### A DAY AT ANGLICARE

I was invited to join with Anglicare last Wednesday for the day and visited some of their ministries including their outreach at Eastlands, Glenorchy, the new office at Sorell, enjoyed time with the Social Action Research group, and had a moving visit to the Siev-X refugee tragedy memorial at Cornelian Bay erected by 'Tasmanians for Refugees'. I also visited Anglicare services supporting people living with brain injuries and development injuries. I was very moved by the compassion that Anglicare is providing to so many needy Tasmanians. The late afternoon Board meeting received a paper from Canon Doug Edmonds 'Theological Consideration of Anglicare's Role in Mission', parish grants to two parishes were approved and the Board considered suggestions for more effectively engaging with the wider church. A very productive time under Antonia's wise chairing. The Annual Meeting followed and we then all walked to the Cloisters at the Cathedral for the launch of 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History by Dr James Boyce. This history focuses on the way in which Anglicare seeks to remain true to its Christian identity. Get your copy and read!

### SUNDAY AT EDGE ANGLICAN

My first Sunday back was spent with at Claremont where Christina and Paul Campton gave a most creative 'children's' talk which resulted in the rector and I eating 'parish made' yoghurt in front of an expectant congregation. Meeting with the Parish Council to discuss 'facilities to facilitate ministry' was a great encouragement. Please do pray for these kingdom plans.

### ST CLEMENT'S KINGSTON

This parish is also in building mode and with the Hartz Mission Network we toured the construction site and look forward to the opening celebrations on 1 November.

Yours sincerely in Christ's service  
Shalom

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Bishop of Tasmania